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Transmitted herewith for filing by Express Mail is the complete patent application of **Eric B. Watson** of Redmond, Washington; and **Oliver Hurst-Hiller** of Seattle, Washington, entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED OPTIMIZATION OF SEARCH RESULT RELEVANCE**, executed on January 20, 2004. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/535,353, filed January 9, 2004.

- X 1. An application for patent consisting of 30 pages of specification, including the claims and Abstract of the Disclosure, and 7 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X 2. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
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TOTAL						1638

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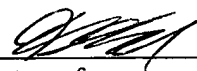
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